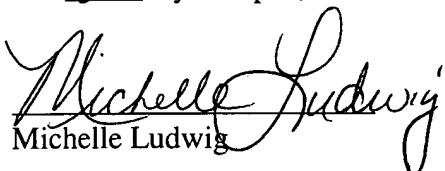


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In re the Application of: Taylor et al.)
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Serial No: 09/386,605) Group Art Unit: 1638
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Filed: August 31, 1999) Examiner: Georgia L. Helmer
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For: Novel Transgene Assay Using Stable) Conf. No. 1594
 Agrobacterium Rhizogenes)
 Transformation)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on October 6, 2004. In a separate Petition, Applicants have requested and paid the fee for a three-month extension of time. Thus, this response is timely filed by April 6, 2005. No additional fees are believed due in connection with the filing of the instant paper. However, should any such fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be due for any reason relating to this application, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Account No. 13-4125.

Please amend the application as indicated below.